

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: 2017 Social Studies Teacher and Students of the Year

**Category: For Your Information**

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [MDCSS TOY RSVP 2017 \(002\).pdf](#)

To announce the finalists for the 2017 Social Studies Teacher and Students of the Year.

The Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies (MDCSS) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2017 Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

- **Elementary School Teacher of the Year Finalists:**

- *Jeannine Anne Arenas*
  - Shenandoah Elementary
  - Principal- Michelle L. Coto
- *Ofelia Martinez*
  - M.A. Miliam K-8 Center
  - Principal- Anna Hernandez

- **Middle School Teacher of the Year Finalists:**

- *Juan Del Rio*
  - Miami Art Studio @ Zelda Glazer 6-12
  - Principal- Dr. Miguel Balsera
- *Tracey Kontzamanys*
  - Herbert A. Ammons Middle School
  - Principal- Ms. Maria Costa
- *Jennifer Simeon*
  - Miami Lakes K-8 Center
  - Principal- Mr. Carlos Salcedo

- **Senior High School Teacher of the Year Finalists:**

- *Dr. Keith Astuto*
  - TERRA Environmental Research Institute
  - Principal- Mr. Jose L. Sirven
- *Marcia Ferguson*
  - Coral Reef Senior High
  - Principal- Mr. Thomas Ennis
- *Jaela Vazquez*
  - Coral Reef Senior High
  - Principal- Mr. Thomas Ennis

The Miami Dade Council for the Social Studies (MDCSS) and the Department of Social Sciences are also pleased to announce the winners of the annual John R. Doyle MDCSS Senior High School Student of the Year Scholarship and the annual MDCSS Middle School Student of the Year Book Award recipient.

These students were selected on their academic achievement in Social Studies along with their participation in Social Studies based extracurricular activities as well as their community and school

service projects.

- **The 2016-17 John R. Doyle MDCSS Senior High School Student of the Year Scholarship award recipients are as follows:**
  - Student: *Faris Qubain*
    - School: Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High
    - Principal: Mr. Shinn
  - Student: *Lauren Paulet*
    - School: School for Advanced Studies- North Campus
    - Principal: Dr. Omar Monteagudo
  - Please note: each student will receive a \$500 scholarship for their college education.
- **The 2016-17 MDCSS Middle School Student of the Year Book Award recipient is as follows:**
  - Student: *Lilimarie Quintanal*
    - School: Miami Arts Studio @ Zelda Glazer 6-12
    - Principal: Dr. Miguel Balsera

Please join us to celebrate these honorees on their special night where the council will present the Elementary School, Middle School and Senior High School Teacher of the Year Awards.

We will also honor the annual Paul Hansen Award and John R. Doyle MDCSS Student of the Year Scholarship Senior High School winners as well as our Annual Middle School Student of the Year Book Award Winners.

The Dinner will be held April 25th, 2017 at Jungle Island.

Attached you will find the invitation and RSVP form with all pertinent information.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Daniel Vinat, MDCSS President, at [dvinat@dadeschools.net](mailto:dvinat@dadeschools.net) if there are questions or more information is needed or see the contact information below.

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